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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EMIN, TU

SUBJECT: FIRE AT ETIBANK TUNGSTEN MINE

REF STATE 49656

1. EMBOFF SPOKE TO ATTILA AYBAY, DIRECTOR OF THE MADEN DAIRESI BASKANLIGI (MDB), ABOUT SUBJECT. AYBAY REPORTS DIRECTLY TO MINISTER OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISION OF ALL MINING OPERATIONS IN TURKEY, INCLUDING ETIBANK, THE TURKISH COAL BOARD (TKI), AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

2. AS BACKGROUND, AYBAY STATED THAT THE ETIBANK ULUDAG TUNGSTEN MINE WAS PROJECTED TO BEGIN EXPERIMENTAL OPERATIONS IN EARLY 1976. TOTAL INVESTMENT DURING THE '71-'76 PERIOD WILL BE TL 354 MILLION WITH PRODUCTION AFTER START-UP IN 1976 ESTIMATED AT 560,000 MT RUN-OF-MINE PER ANNUM. PER ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF 63 PERCENT WOLFRAM CONCENTRATE (WO3) WOULD BE 2,983 MT. PYRITE FOR SULFURIC ACID IS TO BE PRODUCED AS BY-PRODUCT.

3. IN NOVEMBER 1974, WHEN THE MINE FACILITIES WERE APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT COMPLETED, DIFFICULTIES IN PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOAN FOR ETIBANK HELD UP PROJECT FOR FEW MONTHS. FIRE IN FEBRUARY HAS ALSO SLOWED DOWN PROJECT.

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4. EXTENT OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE NOT YET CLEAR AS INVESTI-

GATIONS BY ETIBANK AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN BURSA STILL  
CONTINUING. AYBAY STATED, HOWEVER, THAT BEST ESTIMATES AT  
PRESENT WERE TL 14 MILLION IN DAMAGES AND A PRODUCTION DELAY  
OF APPROX 12 MONTHS, THUS PUTTING OFF INITIAL PRODUCTION  
UNTIL LATE '76 OR EARLY '77.  
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